

REMARKS

During a telephone interview with the Examiner, the Examiner indicated that this case would be restricted into several groups of claims. In response to this restriction, the applicants have elected to prosecute the first group of claims identified by the Examiner, and therefore have now cancelled, without prejudice, the non-elected claims 54, 56-59, 61, 63-64, 69-72 and 78-83. In addition, pending claims 1, 60, 62, 73, 77, 82 and 83 have been amended to put this case into condition for an early notice of allowance.

New claims 85-88 are now presented. Claim 85 is an independent claim that includes the same limitations as method claim 73, but is presented in a different format. Dependent claims 86-88 depend from claim 73. Because the Examiner has indicated that claim 73 is in condition for allowance, it is submitted that these new claims are also in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing claim amendments and remarks, applicants believe that this application is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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